

NEW FRANCHISE HOTLY DEBATED

COUNCIL POSTPONES FINAL VOTE

K. B. Miller, of Present Company, States Objections to Proposed Action at Long Meeting Last Night. Steidl and De Armond Argue.

After three hours of deliberation and open-meeting debating, the City Council last night temporarily side stepped a decisive vote in the Steidl-Tweet electrical franchise matter, adjourning until tomorrow night.

The question of granting the franchise, which already had been read once, was threshed out from all angles. After City Attorney Forbes had pointed out some slight safeguards that might be made in the document, from the city's standpoint, a catch-as-catch-can debate was opened up, the chief feature of the bout being a detailed statement of the situation, as he saw it, from K. B. Miller of the Bend Water Light & Power Company. Attorney De Armond, for the franchise seekers, tried some arguing with Mr. Miller, and Messrs. Steidl, Tweet, Keyes and others were heard from.

Throughout, the councilmen for the most part, displayed an open-minded interest in the discussion and it was apparent that at least four of them were open to conviction by either side.

Steidl Starts.

First Steidl stated his case briefly, explaining his position in having a power site on the irrigation dam and said that his project had already been delayed through state inactivity. Indirectly he claimed some credit for the expenditure of the \$185,000 which he said had been spent by the irrigation company on the dam. De Armond, following him further dwelt upon the fact that the Steidl plant would be built satisfactorily for less cost than the present plant. But the foundation of the case for the new franchise was based upon the assertion that there was ample room for two companies, and that another franchise would mean lower rates, both of which contentions were denied by the other side.

To this Mr. Miller answered at length. He stated positively that neither he nor his associates had ever taken a cent from Bend, and that dividends of any kind were not expected for years. He admitted that the company had not been operating at a loss, but said that the profit on the investment had been less than if the money had been placed in farm mortgages. A statement that had gained circulation to the effect that his company had a monthly income of \$3,500 he branded as absurd, explaining that in the one month when such income had been received, it was derived simply from getting out from the city for cluster lights, which had been paid for already and were sold at cost.

"No returns on investment other than those represented by our plant here at Bend are expected," said Mr. Miller. "Other holdings, such as those at Benham Falls, are not this company's. There has been no criticism of our service. If there is a better plant in any town twice Bend's size in the United States I do not

know it, and my business is examination of municipal electrical systems. We have reached into every nook and corner of the town, even anticipating needs. So the only criticism can be on the head of rates."

There are two ways to get rates adjusted, if they are unfair, he said. One is by direct appeal to his company and the other, appeal to the State Commission. Either, he said, would get immediate results if injustice existed. In this connection he pointed out that Bend's rates already are lower than those of any Central Oregon town. He took the stand that duplication of plants inevitably meant that the public would pay interest on the double investment. He stated that both companies inevitably would lose money and it would develop simply into a survival of the fittest, with the public paying the cost of battle.

He emphatically denied that Steidl could furnish light and power at the extremely low figures the new company has been quoting in its campaign for the franchise. Serious doubt as to whether Steidl actually possessed enough assured water to develop what he claimed was advanced by J. P. Keyes, and Miller brought out the probability of his being obliged to build what ultimately would amount to a triple plant. All this, however, was denied by Mr. Steidl and his attorney.

Mr. Miller wound up by branding the proposed move a economic waste, a black eye to Bend so far as investors were concerned, and a very bad thing for the town from all standpoints.

JAIL SENTENCES GIVEN.

Deputy Sheriff Wenzel left for Salem Friday night taking with him John and Charles Kozman and Geo. Holwood who will begin at once to serve the prison sentences imposed on them at the recent term of Circuit court. The sentence given the Kitzman for burglary was from two to five years each; Holwood got from six months to three years for arson.

K. B. MILLER HERE AGAIN

Plan for \$10,000 Ice Plant Held Up Temporarily.

K. B. Miller, manager of the Bend Water Light & Power Company, arrived Sunday night from Chicago, and is spending most of the week here. Mr. Miller reports an improving business outlook in the East, and says he believes its effects will be apparent here later.

That the capital with which he is associated has plans for considerable further investment in Bend was Mr. Miller's statement when questioned as to local development in his line of interest. The immediate construction of a first class ten ton ice plant, to meet the present needs of the town in this direction and to cost approximately \$10,000, had been decided upon by his associates, he said. He added, however, that in view of the threatened action in regard to franchises, which they consider a direct attack upon their interests here, those who are putting up the cash have temporarily withdrawn the ice plant project until it becomes clear what attitude the city will assume toward existing investments.

DENCER HEARS BEE BUZZ.

Dr. P. H. Dencer has turned an attentive ear to the buzzing of the political bee, and would follow the aluring sound to Salem. In short, it has just been learned that Dr. Dencer has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination as a representative in the state legislature. There are two representatives from this district. V. A. Forbes of Bend and W. O. Smith of Klamath Falls, seeking the republican nomination for the two places.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL RECORD OF RECENT SESSION

Repeated Vote Shows How Springer Worked for Ball—Vote on County Sealer Also Indicative of Lack of Economy—Road Orders

A regular term of the County court of Crook county, Oregon, convened at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, March 4, 1914.

When were present: G. Springer, Judge, presiding; R. H. Bayley, county commissioner; Willis W. Brown, county surveyor; Fred A. Rice, county surveyor; Frank Elkins, Sheriff and Warren Brown, county clerk.

Whereupon the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

In the matter of a petition for franchise by H. P. Scheel; petition presented by M. H. Brink, attorney for H. P. Scheel, asking for a franchise across certain county roads and over certain streets and alleys outside the corporate limits of Metolius, for the Metolius, Prineville and Eastern Ry.; said petition showing the said company owned all lands adjacent to the streets over which the franchise is asked, and being approved by County Attorney Wirtz; ordered granted. (See order.)

In the matter of the E. C. Atkinson Road; petition presented by C. B. Hyson read and as bond was found to be insufficient, ordered by court that said Hyson deposit a cash bond in the sum of \$100 with the Clerk. Remonstrance to said petition being presented by S. R. Blunder, court asked that an affidavit as to the qualification of signers of remonstrance be made.

Petition by H. M. Ryson for an easement of a road for immediate relief presented but later withdrawn.

In the matter of reward; petition presented by S. E. Smith, et al (having 95 signatures) voters and freeholders, requesting that a reward of \$500 be offered for the arrest and conviction of the person who set fire to the Redmond Union Warehouse Co.'s building at Redmond, which resulted in the destruction of said building on the morning of February 6, 1914; granted.

In the matter of warrant No. 1352, Class 24; Whereas it was shown to the Court that M. S. Mayfield had been the rightful possessor of warrant No. 1352, Class 24, for the sum of \$15.20, issued November 9, 1912, and has not the same; ordered that the said warrant be cancelled and the Clerk is instructed to draw in the like sum and class, a new warrant to said M. S. Mayfield.

In the matter of wrongful assessment; petition presented by J. L. Gibson for a change in regard to a certain wrongful assessment, but same not being within the jurisdiction of this Court, petition could not be granted.

In the matter of County roads; the following road petitions were presented, S. W. Merrill, et al, J. A. Morris, et al. (Remonstrance filed; also) E. T. Lathy, et al. (remonstrance filed; also) D. H. Yoeman, et al; E. J. Hoeh, et al.

In the matter of the Frank Huff

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LANDS THROWN OPEN TO ENTRY

ELIMINATION IS FINALLY ANNOUNCED

Large Tracts Near La Pine, Crescent, Fort Rock and Silver Lake Taken Out of Forest—Settlement Date May 9—Word Long Waited.

The long awaited announcement of the opening of the lands in the Deschutes and the Paulina forests for homestead entry was made in Portland Sunday. Most of the land to be opened lies in the vicinity of La Pine and Crescent but there are large tracts also near Fort Rock and Silver Lake. Of that in the Deschutes forest it is understood that the larger part is covered with withdrawals made on account of the Reclamation Service's investigation of the Benham Falls project. As yet no description of the eliminated lands has been received but maps have been posted in The Bulletin office and the post office showing the location.

The land will be opened for settlement May 9 and filings will be permitted on and after June 8.

The announcement as made in The Oregonian was as follows:

More than 400,000 acres of land in the Deschutes and Paulina National forests in Crook, Lake and Klamath counties will be thrown open for settlement within 90 days through an order just signed by President Wilson withdrawing this land from the forest reservations.

Officials of the Forestry Bureau in Portland estimate that of the aggregate of 419,743 acres thrown open, approximately 129,000 acres are occupied by settlers. These settlers will be permitted to remain. Settlers on the remaining 290,000 acres will be permitted to take up homesteads of 160 acres each in accordance with the Federal land laws.

Transfer Being Made. The formalities of transferring this land from the Agricultural Department of the Federal Government to the Interior Department now are in progress at Washington, D. C.

The entire area will be placed under jurisdiction of the local land offices at Lakeview and The Dalles. Intending settlers are instructed to make inquiries concerning the lands at those offices.

Of the total, 60,892 acres lie within the Deschutes forest and 349,879 acres in the Paulina forest. The land is in the same general locality, since the two forests adjoin.

Large Area Near La Pine. An aggregate of 176,640 acres of the gross elimination lies in the immediate vicinity of La Pine and Crescent. This acreage is covered with lodgepole pine, a timber species which in this locality, is of low commercial value. Some of this land, however, has already been settled. The precise area that will be open for settlement and that will be open for entry of new homesteaders now is being calculated and its exact location will be described so that settlers will have a minimum of difficulty in locating it.

An aggregate of 221,070 acres, which also includes lands that have been settled and lands not settled, is in the hills about Fort Rock Val-

ley and is covered with a sparse growth of juniper trees and sagebrush. This land was recommended for elimination on account of the low value of the timber and the availability of other National forest timber land nearby for community use for lumber and fuel.

Classification Not Made. The lands have not been finally classified by the Department of Agriculture as to their agricultural character and value. The area has a mean elevation of approximately 4200 feet and much of it is well adapted to agricultural purposes. The soil over most of the surface is of volcanic origin.

FARMERS MAKE DEFINITE PLANS FOR THE CREAMERY

Meeting After Luncheon on Saturday Decides on Proposition to Be Put Up to The Cow Owners.

Little more than "progress" was reported on the creamery plan at the luncheon on Saturday, but at a farmer's meeting held afterward in the old Commercial club room steps were taken to formulate a definite plan to present to the ranchers. According to it the building of the creamery and assembling of machinery will be paid for by the business men of Bend, as offered by them. The creamery organization will be in the hands of the farmers who will take stock at the rate of one share for each cow owned. The par value of the shares is planned to be five dollars, of which one dollar will be paid down and the balance will be paid by the deduction of 10 per cent monthly from each subscriber's cream check. The fund so established is to be used to repay the advances made by the business men for building the plant. The farmers will manage the creamery.

The plan was adopted after a general discussion of its merits as compared with those of an alternative one by which the amount of each farmer's stock was dependent on other things besides the number of cows he owned.

At the luncheon preceding this meeting remarks were made by Dr. P. H. Dencer, J. A. Estes, W. G. Waugh, and P. C. Garrison, all bearing on the subject of co-operation and the need of removing the antagonistic feeling said to exist between the farmers and the business men. J. P. Keyes reported that the head of the dairy department at Corvallis might come here to give advice at a later meeting. He also pointed out one difficulty in starting a creamery this year, in that the Laidlaw farmers would not join just now because they had an excellent market at home in the Tumalo project camps.

An unexpected number attended the luncheon which was given at the Wright Hotel, nearly 60 being present. The luncheon next Saturday will be at the Bend Hotel.

MARKET FOR POTATOES.

Following the luncheon next Saturday a meeting of farmers will be held to consider a proposition just received by Dr. Dencer for the sale of one or more cars of potatoes from this region. He has been in communication with a middle western buyer and has a favorable proposition for the consideration of the meeting. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance to consider the proposition.

BUILDING SMOKE HOUSES.

O'Donnell Brothers are making an addition to their market plant in the shape of two smoke houses and a rendering room. All three are to be of brick and will stand in the rear of the store building. One smoke house will be for sausage and the other for smoked meat. Jack Tansy is doing the brick work.

PLAN NEW ROAD TO FORT ROCK

PROPOSED ROUTE IS 20 MILES SHORTER

Line to Run Part Way Through Forest—Watering Places Frequent And No Mountains to Go Over—Only One Bad Spot in Road

People in the Fort Rock country are working up plans for a new road to connect with Bend which will save 20 miles over the present route. In its current issue the Fort Rock Times has this to say on the subject:

"The new road to Bend now being planned seems to be an assured thing. The people generally are taking a great interest in the proposition and Forest Supervisor Merritt of Bend is being prevailed upon to build the part that runs through the national forest.

"The line of the proposed road, according to those who are in a position to know, is a much easier grade than the present road by way of La Pine and is about 20 miles shorter. The old road has two mountains or buttes to go over, while the proposed road has none. It will be an all upland road, on soil that will hold up when the spring thaws begin. Many miles of the old road have what might be called no bottom to it for a month or more in the spring.

"Watering places on the proposed road will be as frequent or more so than by the present road. Water can be had at the homestead of G. W. Reels, eight miles north from Fort Rock, at the Ice Cave which the road is proposed to pass and if the road goes through C. L. Evans, a relative of Mr. Reels will drill a well on the north side of the timber on his homestead in the Millican Valley. From there to Bend water can be had at numerous places.

"The road is to run parallel to a number of gulches that are said to be on the north side of the timber and all run north and south, the direction of the road. It will join the Bend-Burns road, a well traveled automobile road, about one mile east of the end of Horse Ridge. According to the best information obtainable, the only bad spot on the road is a stretch of lava rock, about a distance of 150 yards and that is passable now with an empty wagon."

CARMODY ARRESTED AGAIN

Dennis Carmody was arrested again on Sunday in connection with the campaign against the pool halls and on orders from Sheriff Elkins, taken to Prineville and held over night. He was arraigned in the justice court there Monday morning and after pleading "Not Guilty," to the charge entered against him was allowed to go on his own recognizance. Whether or not the case will go further depends on the decision he may make as to bringing a test case.

The arrest occurred in the afternoon and was based on the fact that his bowling alleys were being used, although not for pay. In the morning he had been arrested by Deputy Sheriff Fox for having his place of business open, but allowed to go free on depositing \$50 with Mr. Fox as bail.

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